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Top Officials From Health And Human Services See Their Programs In Action

Federal initiatives to reform welfare, address homelessness and increase economic opportunity in the nation's cities were priorities discussed during a two-hour meeting and tour on April 8 by top administrators from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, along with Ann Schreiber, Regional Administrator for Children and Families; Dennis Coughlin, Assistant Regional Administrator for Family Supportive Services; and Junius Scott, Director of Programs, Coordination and Planning, toured Babyland IV, Harmony House and Extended Care to speak directly with people benefiting from the NCC network of social service and employee training programs.

The visit was heavily focused on the personal impact of the programs that are working to restore hope in people's lives. This was a firsthand look by federal officials who are shaping public policy in the Clinton administration to improve the full range of health and human services within their department.

Msgr. William Linder, NCC Director of Development Raymond Codey, Director of Human Services Florence Williams, Employment Center Director Tanya McKoy, Head Start Director Gina Ogburn, Harmony House Director Jeanette Page-Hawkins, and Babyland IV Supervisor Sister Susie

Janis provided professional experiences and insights on the broad scope of HHS programs.

Among those who shared personal experiences with the federal officials were two Harmony House residents, Jose Hernandez, the father of a young son, who has earned certification in building maintenance from NCC Center for Employment Training, and Alvarine Brown, mother of two children, who has completed home health training, is awaiting enrollment in the medical assistant training and is presently employed on an on-call basis as a nurse's aide with NCC Extended Care Facility.

Two graduates of NCC Youth Employment Training joined three current students to relate the benefits of the federally-funded employment, education and job training program. Natasha Owens is employed by Home Health Care in data entry after completing office skills training, and Sharek Rich is part of NCC Management after completing the maintenance services training, with emphasis on electrical skills. Frankie Douglas is receiving on the job training in food services at The World of Foods; Malikata Pullin, who is studying office skills, is training on the job as a clerical aide in the Development Department at NCC; Eric Curtis, also training in clerical skills is on the job at NCC Employment Center.

The federal visit also included a



Joining Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Mary Jo Bane, (left to right) Eric Curtis, Natasha Owens and Sharek Rich, all participants in the NCC Youth Employment Training Program.

roundtable discussion with a group of teenage mothers who praised the Head Start Parent Child Center for its role in enabling them to continue their education and plan for a better future for themselves and their babies.

According to Florence Williams, NCC's Director of Human Services, "New Community has begun to weave a fabric of programs aimed at providing support to participants in the Family's welfare reform effort, the Family Development Program. For ex-

ample, under a new contract with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, New Community will provide Employment and Education Related Activities for 313 participants in New Jersey's Family Development Program. The visit by Assistant Secretary Bane was an opportunity for NCC participants to personally demonstrate the important role that community development corporations such as NCC can play in moving welfare recipients to self-sufficiency."

Babyland Sets Forum On Gender Equity

The obstacles facing women as they strive for parity with men in the workforce have so long resisted removal that their effects now span generations.

These obstacles have been put in place as early as infancy, with established socialization processes and continued through elementary and higher education biases. Many are subtle and difficult to define, but their effect is the same — girls and women are blocked from non-traditional options in their lives which would allow them greater ability to support themselves and their families. A second most important effect is to deprive the world of the unique talents

many of them have to offer humankind.

Gayle Chaneyfield and Mildred Crump are concerned about the painfully slow progress of gender equity, and will participate in a forum sponsored by Babyland Nursery to be held in the Fall which will address the issue locally. Gayle Chaneyfield has seen

the results of this problem for many of the single parents in Babyland while Mildred Crump's position as Honorary Chairperson of the Essex County Family Violence Center has highlighted for her the lack of self-esteem in the battered women which paralyzes their ability to pull

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Stepping Stone To A Better Life

For many young people an opportunity to work for New Community during the summer introduces them to the real work world, where punctuality, attendance and responsibility are important criteria.

The young people come through many different organizations or funding sponsors and leave with a new sense of direction in their lives as they shall see in the stories of the five who participated in our Home Health Care program last year. New Community becomes a stepping stone for them to full time jobs and schools of higher learning.

Ameena J. Hameed started as a volunteer for New Community Corporation in the summer of '91 and '92. In '93 she served at Home Health Care. Ameena is an honor student at Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J. and has been accepted into Montclair State College Health Careers Program where she will be a Pre-Med student this fall.

Kenya M. Greggs became a summer worker for New Community Home Health in the summer of '91 and stayed for two more years. She had graduated from St. Benedict Academy in Elizabeth, N.J. in 1988.

Kenya presently attends Albany (Continued on page 3)



Getting an early start on the Gender Equity Forum planned by Babyland for the Fall, Gayle Chaneyfield and Mildred Crump put their heads together on some of the issues to be addressed.

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Leonard Coleman Appointed President Of National Baseball League

New Community first became acquainted with Leonard S. Coleman in 1986 when he became the Director of Community Affairs during the administration of former Governor Thomas H. Kean. Since then he has enjoyed a career on Wall Street and went on to become executive director for market development of Major League Baseball.

On March 1, Coleman was elected unanimously by club owners to a four year term as president of the National League, making him the highest ranking black official in United States pro-



Leonard S. Coleman

fessional team sports. Now instead of marketing the sport to young and old, he will be determining policy matters with the owners.

Mr. Coleman expressed great interest in inner city youth when he was interviewed for the Clarion (June 1986 edition), perhaps due to a stint as a fourth grade teacher here. Wouldn't it be great if baseball could make a comeback in Newark? Certainly there are many talented young people here — and the sport has come a long way toward racial equality since Jackie Robinson became the first black player to be admitted to the major leagues in 1947.

Our congratulations to the new National League president. Perhaps in his new career he will find a way to bring more and more young people into the world of baseball.

Contribute to the Msgr. William J. Linder Scholarship Fund

**Your \$\$\$ Can Have a Lasting
Impact on a Young Life!**

For many bright, talented young people in this area, alternative education offers the only real opportunity for quality learning. Unfortunately, students who would benefit the most from alternative education are often the least able to afford the tuition.

The Msgr. William J. Linder Scholarship Fund was created to give such young people access to alternative educational institutions that are committed to preparing and motivating students for future achievement.

By contributing to the Fund, you can have a direct, personal impact on the life of a young person. For more information, contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development (201) 482-0682.

New PBS Special Profiles Community Development Corporations In *Building Hope*

New Community Corporation is featured in a PBS documentary that focuses on the bold dream to rebuild disadvantaged neighborhoods through community development corporations (CDCs). The concept combines business and government resources with local energy and effort to create homes, jobs, shops and services to give residents a sense of ownership in their own communities.

Twenty-five years ago, there were about 10 CDCs in the United States. Today, according to most estimates, CDCs number more than 2,000. **Building Hope: Community Development in America**, a new one-hour documentary which aired Tuesday, April 26, 1994, traces the evolution of this movement over the

past 30 years. **Building Hope** shows how CDCs are currently the nation's leading producer of low-income housing and create thousands of jobs, provide essential services and invest millions of dollars in small businesses each year.

Building Hope: Community Development in America is produced by Vanguard Films, Inc. and presented by WETA, Washington, D.C. Major funding is provided by The Ford Foundation with generous support from The Prudential Foundation and Victoria Foundation. Additional funding for outreach and promotion is provided by Fannie Mae Foundation.

Building Hope traveled across the country to profile eight CDCs including New Community.

Serve America Students Join Graffiti Cleanup Effort



Cleaning up graffiti on Raymond Boulevard are Tara Wright, Sharanda L. Evans and Cecilia Molina. Great job, ladies!

Serve America students participated in a week long, city wide graffiti cleanup effort. The students joined with other youth from such organizations as the Boy Scouts of America Troop 152, American Littoral Society, NJIT, and Rutgers in an effort to remove graffiti from private and public buildings in the Central Ward of Newark. The youth sent a clear message to graffiti vandals, that willful destruction will not be tolerated any longer.

The cleanup effort was sponsored by The City of Newark, Department of Land Use Control, in conjunction with Improve Newark, Inc., Newark Realtors, and Newark Fighting Back, Inc. The project was coordinated by Ms. Donna Seay, Chairperson of Improve Newark, Inc.

Sharanda L. Evans

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Gabriella Coleman To Head Social Investments For The Prudential

New Community would like to congratulate Gabriella Coleman who has been named Vice President in charge of Contributions and Social Investments for the Prudential.

Coleman will oversee Prudential's Corporate Social Responsibility Division, including Foundation grant-



Gabriella Coleman

making and social investment initiatives. In this capacity, Coleman will continue the Foundation focus on critical children's issues and community, health and education initiatives.

She will also be formally recommended to the Prudential Foundation Board for election as the Foundation President on April 13.

NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR



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Babyland Forum On Gender Equity...

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themselves out of their life-threatening situations.

"Leveling the Playing Field," a report developed by the Gender Equity Task Force created by the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission states that "systemic change in attitude and behavior is needed to reform an education and training structure in which barriers to full participation exist everywhere. The scope of the problem cannot be underestimated." It emphasized that "while changes must be made through the workforce readiness system, action at the primary education level is fundamental to long term success."

This means starting early to remove the bias in education at the beginning of the educational process, thus freeing individuals to believe in their capabilities for a limitless future.

In identifying the forces which shape and drive New Jersey's education and training system the Task Force found "the relationship among social, psychological, political and economic influences and their impact on the creation of barriers to the participation of females cannot be overstated."

Removing these barriers, according to the Task Force, requires the "need for society in general to move closer to an equitable social, political and economic system - one for instance, fully responsive to the lack of adequate child care and transportation resources."

Inequitable practices and policies in the current workforce readiness system account for measurable differences in the pay scale between men and women. Studies have indicated that women will comprise the majority of new entrants to the labor field by the year 2005. Non-traditional training needs to be addressed immediately at the local level, the State Employment and Training Commission has emphasized.

The time to begin working on gender equity is now, before more generations of women suffer, according to Ms. Chaneyfield and Ms. Crump as they make plans for the forum.

Women's ability to progress it seems will be accomplished through economic empowerment, political empowerment and self-advocacy empowerment. Then the barriers will begin to fall.

Women In Leadership

With the focus on gender equity it is a good time to turn the spotlight on the number of women in leadership positions within the New Community Network. Women directors, managers and professionals outnumber their male counterparts almost three to one. There are 1,239 employees within the network. Of 176 top executive positions, 130 are held by women.

The Founder and Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, Inc. is Mary Smith. Martha Carroll is Assistant Director for Administration; Soledad Alston, for Health, Nutrition and Safety; Sister Mary Sheridan, for Family & Child Development. Gayle Chaneyfield is Director of Public Relations and Marketing. Each of the seven Babyland Nursery Centers is headed by a woman: Gina Ogburn, Babyland I; Gloria Leibowitz, Babyland II; Dr. Gloria Freeman, Babyland III; Sister Susie Janis, Babyland IV; Sister Regina Holtz, Babyland V; Deborah Kaiser, Babyland VI; and Robin Brown, Babyland VII. The Domestic Violence Program is headed by Rosa Walker.

A woman was the first person hired by New Community in 1973. She is

Cecilia Faulks who is now Director of Human Resources.

Other directors include Kathy Spivey, Training and Development; Florence Williams, Human Services; Karen Marsh, Extended Care; Tonya Smith, Counsel; and Rona Parker, Public Affairs.

Women who head key service programs include Sister Anastasia Hearne, Director of Social Services; Jeanette Odum, Allies for Youth; Jeanette Page Hawkins, Harmony House; Tanya McKay, Employment Center; Sister Ann Tumulty, Home Health; and Elsie Best, Home Friends. Sister Guadalupe M. Nieto is Director of the Hispanic Development Corporation. Madge Wilson heads St. Joseph Plaza Operations. Vanessa Street is Director of Management. Lynn Mertz is Director of Fund Development.

Patricia A. Foley is Editor of The New Community Clarion and Laura L. Compen is Photographer.

The New Community Network continues to be a source of opportunity for all people and the records show how important a role women have played in its development and its success.

Allies For Youth Student Receives Wight Scholarship

Congratulations go out to Mahalia Jackson who is an 8th grader at Thirteenth Avenue School and a participant in the Allies For Youth Program (AFY). Mahalia has been awarded a four year scholarship to one of the twelve private schools affiliated with the Wight Foundation.

The Wight Foundation is a Newark based organization that awards private secondary school scholarships to students who otherwise would not be able to attend such institutions. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the students' academic record, learning enthusiasm, and passing a series of oral interviews. In addition, the applicant must obtain recommendations from school staff and community members, with which the AFY staff assisted her.

The Letter of Congratulations from the Wight Foundation stated that Mahalia is to receive a full four year scholarship contingent upon her being formally accepted and maintaining continual enrollment in that school. In return, Mahalia would be required to



Mahalia Jackson

work to her full potential.

As to be expected, Mahalia is delighted at being the winner of a Wight Scholarship, although it may be difficult to tell through her normally calm, soft spoken demeanor. She says

that when she initially applied for the scholarship, she did not expect to win. Several times during our interview she noted the support of school and AFY staff, saying that both have done nothing less but encourage her. She also made mention of the obvious - her grades had a lot to do with winning the award. In the selection process, emphasis is placed on English, Reading and Mathematics. Mahalia does well in all areas, but by her own admission, when it comes to math she has her good days and her bad days. To maintain a good grade takes a lot of hard work and practice.

In Mahalia's case the hard work is definitely beginning to pay off and we're all very proud of her. Congratulations Mahalia!

Todd Pringle

"A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary."

—Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Stepping Stones...

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State College as an Early Childhood Education major.

Natasia Owen is a young woman who started in the NCC Youth Program and then volunteered in the Home Health Program for two summers. Because of her good record she was hired to work there.

Natasia is reliable and energetic and is preparing herself to attend Essex County College for computer classes and data processing. While preparing for college, she is also working in the NCC Extended Care Facility on weekends in the activities department.

The Teen Learn and Earn Program gave Yemi Aiyebo something to stand on. The skills and experiences he gained gave him a chance to learn what it was like to live in the real world.

He found the supervisors and staff "helped us a lot." Besides trips and all kinds of activities, the program also provided a free computer class on certain days.

At the end of the summer Yemi used his experience to get jobs and to get

into other programs during the school year. He especially enjoyed having a paycheck at the end of a two week period and feels the program provides a tremendous opportunity for any young high school or pre-high school student.

Carla Davis, who is 27, came to NCC via I.Y.O. (International Youth Organization). She worked as a volunteer with NCC Social Services Department at 545 Orange Street where she was a dedicated worker who enjoyed what she did and wanted to expand her skills.

Carla then enrolled in the NCC Home Health Aide Training Program. She was a conscientious student who applied herself wholly to the class. When she graduated she was employed by NCC Home Health Care part time and through her diligence the past year has worked up to full time status.

She has demonstrated herself to be an asset to NCC and an excellent role model for other youths in I.Y.O.

We are very proud of our five wonderful summer interns and wish them well.

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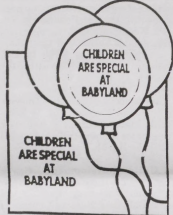
The Priory Restaurant is located in St. Joseph Plaza,
233 West Market Street, Newark
and for your convenience, free off-street parking.

Head Start Celebrates Week Of The Young Child

The parents, children and staff from Babyland's Head Start Program celebrated the week of the young child (April 17-23) by participating in many special events. The week began with the parents creating signs to be carried in the parade around the neighborhood announcing the special week. The signs the children carried had words of wisdom and goals. "Our Differences Make Us Special," "Children are Our Future," "We Love Our Children," "I Want to be a Lawyer," "I Want to be a Doctor."

The children from Babylands I and IV had a chance to play host/hostess to each other in visiting each one's Day Cares. They did art work with each other, sang songs, played outside on the playground and in general had fun and became fast friends.

The children also had the opportunity to visit the Newark Public Library as well as to get to know the hospital better by enjoying a tour of United Children's Hospital. They were greeted with balloons and refreshments by the Hospital's staff.



The children's enjoyment of the various activities was evident on their smiling faces. The week was an effort to remind us of the importance of good child care for our most precious possessions — our children.

Sister Suzanne Janis
Parent-Child Center

Parent Involvement Coordinator



Teen moms and their children collaborate on an arts & crafts project.

Good Start Applications To Be Accepted

As of May 10, 1994, Babyland II, 540 Orange Street, Newark, will be accepting applications for the Goodstarts Program, for the school year, 1994-95.

The goals of the Goodstarts Program are as follows:

1. To provide educational experiences for the children, so that they will succeed in elementary school.
2. To help parents get involved, so that they will stay involved in their child's education.
3. To expand parent involvement through volunteering in the classroom, trips, health, and social services.
4. To follow these children, through Grade 2, to see whether Goodstarts made a difference in their educational accomplishments.

In order to be eligible, your child must be born in 1990 or 1991, and the family must be Newark residents.

Please bring Proof of Income (Paystubs or Medicaid Card), child's Birth Certificate, child's Social Security Card, and child's most recent Immunization Record.

If you qualify, we provide full day services, if necessary, breakfast, lunch, and snack for the child, and educational and social services for the family, at no cost to parents.

Call Gloria Leibowitz, Center Supervisor, or Ruth Bayash, Family Service Worker, for an appointment, at 481-3244 or 481-0039.

Family Violence Project At Health Fair

On Wednesday, March 23, 1994 two staff members from our program participated in the Open House Health Fair that was given by the Seton Hall Nursing Association. The all day event took place in the campus student center which was very convenient for those who wished to attend.

Throughout the day we spoke to students, teachers, and people from the community about domestic violence. In addition to providing general information about domestic violence we were also able to distribute information about our services, the P.E.A.C.E. Center, and the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women.

We were also provided with an opportunity to stop and gather information from the other agencies that were in attendance at the Health Fair. There were thirty-five exhibits which provided information on various topics such as asthma, sleeping disorders, breast cancer, nutrition, home safety, and poison control.

Overall the event was very successful and enjoyable. At the end of the day we were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the health fair. We hope to be invited again next year.

Rosa M. Weber
Family Violence Project

"1001 Women" Humanitarian Award



At a "1001 Women For Change" professional women's brunch on Saturday, April 16, Gayle Chaneyfield received a Humanitarian Award for her untiring efforts to bring inner city children a strong foundation for their future through innovative Babyland programs. She is shown here discussing children's programs with Mistress of Ceremonies Dr. Gloria Freeman.

Child Health And Safety Month Begins In May

Two major celebrations held at Babyland focus on children.

The week of the Young Child, April 17-23, was celebrated by all Babylands. The children paraded through their respective communities bearing pennants which proclaimed our theme — "Children are Special at Babyland." Each Center displayed art exhibits of the children's work.

Balloons and magnets were distributed to call attention to the needs of young children. Tours were conducted for public officials and other dignitaries to bring attention to the

benefits of high quality child care programs.

Babyland III has also planned several exhibits and workshops for Child Health and Safety Month in May to include:

- Vision checks for older toddlers by
- Commission for the Blind
- Safety in the home exhibit from National Burn Victims Foundation
- Safer Seats Exhibit & Presentation
- Evaluation of Packaging for Child Resistance courtesy of Peritt Labs
- Parenting Workshops & Exhibits
- African Story Telling for Entertainment

Kean College Social Work Students Return To Harmony House

On March 31st, 1994, Mrs. June Rodriguez-Simmons brought her Methods of Social Work II class from Kean College. They sponsored a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt and party for the youth of Harmony House.

The doors opened to eager, bright eyed children anxious to begin their search for all the hidden treasures. It was amazing watching the children find the eggs that were carefully concealed.

Once they had sought out every possible hiding place, and were certain there was nothing else to be found, the children sat down to count their treasures. During this time many of the youth partook of the abundance of goodies while others played musical chairs, receiving a prize if they were the winner.

But the most spectacular part of the evening was when the Easter Bunny appeared. The children expressed screams of excitement, jumps of joy, and tears of fear. Every child in the room wanted to be close to the Bunny, except one — five year old Jovonna Spears wanted no part of that Easter Bunny.

The children had a marvelous time searching for treasures, playing games, eating to their hearts content and meeting Joe the Easter Bunny.

We the children, parents and staff of Harmony House thank the Kean College social work students for helping us begin our Easter with happy thoughts.

Angela Hall
Youth Program Coordinator



Children from Harmony House, Kean College social work students and their teacher June Rodriguez-Simmons pose for a photo with Joe the Easter Bunny.

Photo credit: Manuel Burre.

Recovering And Discovering The Spiritual Woman Within

On Thursday, April 14, 1994, the women of Harmony House participated in New Community Harmony House Women's Day. This event titled, "Recovering/Discovering the Spiritual Woman," sponsored by New Community Harmony House was held in the Centennial Room at the Newark Public Library. The workshop was developed by women coordinated by women, conducted by women, exclusively for women. The focus of the workshop was to help women to come to terms with the many issues surrounding substance abuse, child abuse, childhood experiences, self-esteem and self-image, as well as issues of empowerment. Other components of the workshops included issues of wellness and nutrition, with a few suggestions on how to view your life holistically.

Workshop I and II were conducted by Imani Horton, CEO, A.B.H. Addiction

Services, Trenton, New Jersey, and Lynn Servance, Social Worker, Spectrum Health Care, Jersey City, New Jersey. These workshops were intended exclusively for the women of Harmony House. During this time the women were able to get in touch with their deep feelings from past experiences and make a clear connection with their present realities.

As the day drew to a close it was obvious that the women of Harmony House had been touched in the 'spirit' and moved by their experiences. You could almost feel the power within the room, not to mention the love from Sister to Sister. Some asked, "when can we do this again," others stated, "I needed this because I do have a lot on my mind."

Carolyn Collier
Relocation Specialist
Acting Regional Coordinator



At the Newark Library, Nabila M. Ismail (second from left) speaks with Harmony House residents Miriam Perez, Gwendolyn Spears and Carol Dixon.



Harmony House residents gather together for a photo at the Newark Library during their recent series of workshops held there.

The Shelter: A Play

On March 29, 1994, the teens from Harmony House once again were privileged to see a new play directed by Abu Said who was both born and raised in the City of Newark. The play "Shelter" touched on many aspects of living in a Homeless Shelter. The major points of this play depicted drug abuse, AIDS, and facing the realities of being in a shelter and being homeless.

The play was sponsored by Rutgers University's Social Work Department, Paul Roberson Center, Newark Campus. Admission was just a dollar

donation, but the experience of watching the play was worth the cost.

Here are a few comments from the teens who attended the play:

"The play was good, it portrayed life in a realistic point of view."

"I think the play was very educational because the play was talking about today's society."

"I like the play because it was a message; the message for me was not to use drugs and destroy my life."

Manuel Burse
Youth Worker



Participants in the play "Shelter" act out various phases of life for the homeless.

Photo credit: Manuel Burse.

"Most mothers are instinctive philosophers."

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

An Evening At The Circus

On March 16th, 1994, the children of Harmony House had the pleasure of attending the "Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus" at the Meadowlands. As with every event we attend, there is never a lack of excitement or a dull moment.

During the ride to the Circus, the children were speaking about their expectations of the show. When we arrived, everyone got their tickets ready as the crowd of waiting spectators poured into the arena. We quickly found our seats, and the show began.

It was a three-ring Circus with a

variety of animals, acrobats, clowns and other performers. Throughout the entire show everyone was on the edge of their seats — the performance was so explosive. For many of us who never had such an experience, the show was stupendous. Although the show left most of the children speechless, a few did manage some words. Kasonah Harris, 8, said, "I had a lot of fun!" There were no regrets and everyone had a lot of fun. On the way home, we all found it difficult to talk about anything else.

Fritzgerald Prophete
Youth Worker



Youngsters from New Community Harmony House sit in attendance at the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Meadowlands.

Student Of The Month At Camden Street Elementary School

KASONAH HARRIS has good reason to smile. She has been awarded student of the month at Camden Street Elementary School and is deserving of the title. She is an exceptionally bright 8 year old, who strives to do her best.

Kasonah is also respectful, well mannered, considerate and she doesn't mind working hard. She seems to enjoy doing homework, and extra work given to her at the after school program at New Community Harmony House, which she attends on a regular basis.

We at Harmony House along with her parents and teachers are fortunate to have the opportunity of working with her and are very proud of her for achieving this award — but not surprised.

JoAnn Williams
VISTA VOLUNTEER



Kasonah Harris

Pathmark Employees Recognized

The NCC Pathmark store on Bergen Street strongly believes in recognizing outstanding work done by its employees and is one of the few who name an Associate of the Month each month, said Manager Lamont Saunders.

Standing out in March for her fine work, especially with seniors, is cashier Patricia Payne. According to Jacqueline Jones, Assistant Customer Service Manager, customers come in looking for Patricia and they always comment to Jackie about her valuable service to them.

She is a great public relations person for the store.

In April, Steven Bishop came to the attention of Keith Hoagland, non-



Patricia Payne

With his excellent attendance record and punctuality, he was asked to join the overnight shift which would give him more hours.

Steven's greatest attribute is that "when you give him an assignment, it's done," said Keith, which makes him the kind of employee Pathmark likes to have.

Congratulations to you both!

Steven Bishop

perishable assistant store manager. Steven joined Pathmark at the request of his brother-in-law, Dwayne Campbell in November of 1993. He began by unloading trucks on the second shift. Since he was a quick learner, he soon became lead part-timer on that shift. Next he learned to build the end displays for the upcoming weeks sales.

NCC Adult Day Care

New Community Adult Day Care participants enjoyed observing a tape of WJNR's Award Winning Program "Senior Citizens In Action" which is produced by Mrs. Kitty V. Taylor, on March 29, 1994. The taping was held at the beautiful Peppermint Ballroom where they enjoyed live entertainment, refreshments and a delicious meal.

Many thanks to Mrs. Kitty V. Taylor, producer of "Senior's in Action" program, and Mr. Ernest Howard, proprietor of the Peppermint Ballroom for an enjoyable day.

Mary Black
Director of Adult Day Care Center



The Passing Of A Lady: Frances LaValle

Many of our readers may remember Frances LaValle, who handled the reception desk at St. Joseph Plaza for many years until her promotion to Mail Boxes Etc. She had the ability to become your "friend" from the moment you met her.

Her passing this month prompted many who knew her to reflect on what she meant to them and to New Community.

Sister Noel remembers that Frances



Frances LaValle

did "reach out and touch" those who called NCC. She had a rare gift of being able to remember names and to recognize voices and as a result persons would arrive at the reception desk and be greeted by name even though she had never seen them.

Cecilia Faulks feels very privileged to have had Frances be a part of her family. "She had that special way of making you feel like you had known her for a very long time even though you may have just met her. It's very difficult to answer when my granddaughter asks 'where's Ms. Frances?' Long after Frances transferred from this department someone was always asking for her. She was New Community's best public relations person.

Laura Compton found Frances to be a truly beautiful woman, inside and out. She had such a style about her. "She made a lasting impression on me and I will never forget her."

"Frances was usually the first contact that one made by telephone or at the reception desk at New Commu-

ty," said Nick Cirignano, "and she always left a lasting impression. She was a very professional, positive, helpful, loving and caring person. Most of all she as a great friend."

Martha Carroll recalled that not only was Frances one of the most personable individuals one could meet, but she also had extremely good organizational skills which enabled her to answer each telephone call, greet visitors, scold someone for not signing in or out, etc., in a pleasant manner, all at the same time.

D'Andre Dickens trained with Frances at Mail Boxes Etc. Training School in San Diego where she turned everyone's attitude toward Newark from a negative "to a ray of sunshine," and received a thunderous ovation when she graduated.

To Emma Solomon, the youngest worker at St. Joseph's she gave advice and encouragement and was always there to talk to, which Emma misses. Her professionalism and amiable air as well as her radiant, contagious smile were noted by Sr. Guadalupe Nieto who found "Frances had a way of being present not only to outsiders but to workers as well."

Emma Jean Curlin used adjectives such as beautiful, unique, charming and cheerful to describe her friend, and found the fact that she was so "down to earth" refreshing.

Mary Ann Kearney saw her as a thoughtful lady. "She treated everybody the same. When you got through to her you knew things would be right."

Geana Bryant saw a wise, classy, sophisticated lady with lots of style and grace. "I'm glad I had a chance to know her."

This editor never ceased to be impressed by her upbeat attitude no matter how busy she was and her acceptance of every situation.

Perhaps Sr. Catherine Moran summed it up best with her description of Frances.

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Partners In Excellence Mentoring Program

The Partners In Excellence Mentoring Program held a student training session taught by Mr. Neville Gittens of Bloomfield College. Mr. Gittens specializes in Mentor and Mentee Training.

Mr. Gittens discussed the advantages of having a mentor. He emphasized the importance of communication, commitment, honesty and sincerity in a mentor/mentee relationship. The students were very active throughout the session and were rewarded for their participation.

The Partners In Excellence Program is a volunteer mentor program designed and operated by New Community Corporation. NCC is dedicated to helping the residents, both young and old, of Newark to improve the quality of their lives to reflect individual dignity and personal achievement. More specifically, The Partners In Excellence Mentor Program was created to provide positive role models to youth and create a communal bond between youth and residents in their community.

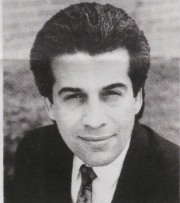
Anyone interested in becoming a mentor in The Partners In Excellence Program can contact Ms. Sharamda L. Evans, Program Coordinator at (201) 623-6991.

Sharamda L. Evans

Director Of Environmental Services

The Extended Care Facility welcomed David Ruiz as its new Director of Environmental Services in April.

Before starting to work at New Community, Mr. Ruiz was a Supervisor of Building Services at the World Trade



David Ruiz

Center in New York City. He was also a Director of housekeeping and laundry at an intermediate care center.

As for Extended Care - Mr. Ruiz intends to "help make the environment in which we work and in which our residents live, more pleasant and home like."




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Renowned Pianist Andre Watts Performs To Support AIDS Organization

Zdenek Macal leads the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) in the final performance of the 1993-94 Masterworks season which will feature pianist Andre Watts. Watts' career has spanned thirty years performing with the world's great orchestras and conductors.

The program includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, Op. 73, "Emperor" and Richard Strauss' *Zin Heldenleben*. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 22, 3:00 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall.

The performance marks NJSO's involvement with Classical Action: Performing Arts Against AIDS. Andre Watts will donate a portion of his fee and NJSO staff, board, musicians, and audience members will also contribute. Classical Action is a new national organization of the performing arts community dedicated to raising funds to combat AIDS.

Tickets, \$13.00-\$43.00 are available by calling the NJSO ticket office at



Andre Watts

1-800-ALLEGRO. Student rush tickets at \$5.00, and senior rush tickets at a 30% discount one-half hour before the concert. If you would like to be on the mailing list of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and receive information about their concerts for families and children, call 624-8203 (Mon.-Sat., 11-5).

Pianist Lynne Arriale At The Priory

Pianist Lynne Arriale will be the featured performer at The Priory's Sunday Jazz Brunch on May 15. Arriale's playing is emotional and

fortressly commands her instrument to summon a wide range of moods from a spacious whisper to a world-class burn. A finely-tuned, highly-interactive group, the trio has received rave reviews from around the world for their fresh and original arrangements.

She was one of the ten jazz pianists invited to tour Japan with a group called "100 Golden Fingers" and was recently a guest on Marian McPartland's award-winning National Public Radio show, "Piano Jazz." No stranger to venues in the New York area, the trio has been to entertain at Zinno, Birdland, Tavern on the Green, Sign of the Dove, the Squire, Sweet Basil, and Fat Tuesday's.

After receiving a master's degree in classical music, Arriale became interested in the art of improvisation. She began to study jazz and soon began playing professionally with her own group.

For Sunday Jazz Brunch reservations, call 242-8012.



Lynne Arriale

dynamic. Whether performing solo or leading her trio, bassist Drew Gress and drummer Steve Davis, she ef-

City Without Walls Gallery Exhibits Edible Art

City Without Walls Gallery in Gateway One will be the scene of a unique fund raising event on Thursday, May 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Edible Arts Three: A Juried Exhibition, will be an artistic display of food creations that guests will sample and judge for taste and appearance. The art displays will exhibit a variety of foods including Capon, Italian, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Portuguese, German, Asian, Southern, and American soul. There will be champagne to compliment the fine cuisines.

Edible Arts participants are well-known chefs from Newark restaurants including Michael Guy at The Priory Restaurant in St. Joseph Plaza.

Added attractions will be door prizes of dinners for two; a silent auction featuring exciting get-away weekends and works of art; live music with The Bradford Hayes Trio; and an opportunity to view the Gallery's new exhibit, "Meditations," a multi-media exhibition of contemplative contemporary art.

The events honorary co-chairs are longtime supporters of the Gallery Dr. Alex Boyd, director of The Newark Public Library and Catherine J.

Lenix-Hooker, executive director of the Krueger-Scott Mansion Culture Center.

City Without Walls Gallery is a non-profit contemporary art center that, for over 15 years, has kept the visual



AN URBAN GALLERY OF NEW ART AND ARTISTS

arts alive in downtown Newark. The Gallery is a showcase for young emerging artists working in non-traditional and progressive forums. The Gallery offers career development assistance for artists in the form of lectures and workshops in self-promotion, collaboration, verbal and visual skills, packing and shipping art, and understanding art criticism.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and may be reserved in advance by calling 201-622-1188 or purchased at the door the evening of the event.

Poet Sekou Sundiata Performs Myth, Magic And Music At The Library

Who would you call this bronze voiced man able to weave intricate tales of life and love with mellow crisp words? Who moves from street cool to svelte smooth in a nudge, at the drop of a line? Who can stop on a metaphor and delve at the explosion of an image and force your mind to cruise on automatic pilot for the rest of the journey? Who can hop, skip lyrics around be-bops, hip-hops, sha-na-na's, and shoe-be-doo's in a groove live he lived through the music generations? Who can put you in the front pew of the church of knowledge and make you want to testify? Sekou Sundiata.

The alchemy of his performances is forged by Sundiata's original poetry and music provided by an assortment of singers and instrumentalists, who span the terrain of music traditions from rock to reggae, from rhythm and blues to jazz, from funk-soul to soca. Sundiata is a working poet and has been widely published. He does numerous readings and conducts poetry workshops throughout the year. He was the first Writer-in-Residence at the New School for Social Research and is currently on the full time faculty there. "I love teaching," says Sundiata, who has both his BA and MA from City College in New York. Citing those among his literary influences are Amiri Baraka, June Jordan, Sterling Brown, and Audre Lourde, poets he credits as "principled people; those who have fought the good fight." He has, over the years amassed his own cult following among

those in the New York arts and cultural scene. All attributed to his sharp-eyes, street-wise poetry and guru-like presence upon stage.

On Saturday, June 4, the Newark Writers Collective and The Newark Public Library will host Sundiata and his music ensemble as part of the annual poetry festival. If you would like a complete schedule of the festival call Poetry Works, 643-3606.

Nothing's predictable with Sekou Sundiata and no one leaves a performance not feeling as though he or she was a part of the total experience.



Sekou Sundiata

Environmental Issues Stressed At Newark Museum's Mini Zoo

The Newark Museum not only has exhibitions, special creative activities, and programs for children and their families, but has a Mini Zoo that is a good place to learn about how your behavior can affect animals and their habitats.

At the Mini Zoo, there are over 100 animals representing 40 species in exhibits that recreate their homes in nature. The Zoo gives you a glimpse of wildlife in surroundings as diverse as a hot, dry desert in the American Southwest, a grassy African plain, a New Jersey Woodland, and the warm, wet jungles of the tropics, as well as a coral reef, the sands and shallows of nearby Sandy Hook, a marshy freshwater pond and a stream in South America's vast Amazon basin.



Along with displays of animals, the Mini Zoo illustrates some of the ways that human beings are affecting the Earth's environment and the animals' homes: acid rain, global warming, toxic waste disposal, oil spills, and rain forest destruction. Sometimes the problems seem so great that we feel helpless to deal with them.

If you think that you alone can't make a difference, you're wrong. You help the environment every time you do something as simple as turning off a light, recycling a bottle, or taking the bus instead of a car. Together, we can make this a world where meerkats, painted turtles, coral reef fishes, cotton-top tamarins, boa constrictors and people everywhere can coexist and prosper.



Elaine Puzo, Curator of The Newark Museum's Mini Zoo, explains the habits and habitats of a parrot to youngsters.

When you visit the Mini Zoo, remember that it's a privilege to be able to study animals in a zoo or aquarium. Try to learn as much about them as you can. Respect them by keeping your voice low and your movements slow. Take time to stand patiently and watch them for a few minutes. These beautiful and interesting creatures will reward you with a gift of understanding.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street and the Mini Zoo is open from noon 5:00 p.m., Wednesday thru Sunday. The Mini Zoo is free and open to the public.

Transatlantic Partnership Continues



St. Rose of Lima students look over the objects given to them by students from the Slovak Republic. The two schools are both participants in the Health Promoting Schools Project.

A transatlantic partnership of Health Promoting Schools, continues to develop among students of St. Rose of Lima, Newark; Ridge School, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Základná Škola in the Czech Republic, and Primary School Železná Street 14 of the Slovak Republic.

This European network of Health Promoting Schools Project is a joint enterprise of the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, (W.H.O. EURO) the Commission of European Communities (E.E.C.) and the Council of Europe (C.E.). Its aim is to strengthen the capacity of schools to be healthy settings for living, learning and working.

Its influence extends to students, teachers, parents and others who are part of the school community. It uses networking as a means to build consensus on future directions, to exchange knowledge and resources and to provide mutual support among participants.

Introductory letters and gifts have been exchanged across the continents, and a wealth of new knowledge and experiences are currently being gained. The students intend to continue their communication via computer link up and an international televideo conference in the near future.

Camillus Ventour
St. Rose of Lima

Black History Notes

**Ida B. Wells Barnett (A Profile In Courage)
1862-1931**

Researched By James E. DuBois

Ida B. Wells Barnett was born a slave in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1862. Ida was a co-founder of the NAACP, an anti-lynch crusader and considered a most courageous black woman journalist. At age fourteen, she was orphaned by a yellow fever epidemic. Despite this adversity she began to teach school at 14. Moving to Memphis in 1884, she continued to teach in the segregated school system and managed to attend Rust College and Fisk University from 1884-1891. Miss Wells was strong-willed and spirited. Once when asked to leave the "White Section" of a train, like Rosa Parks did in Birmingham, Alabama, she refused to comply with the law and had to be forcibly removed by three conductors. She sued and won \$500.00

in damages, but the decision was later reversed and subsequently lost her teaching job. Turning to journalism she wrote for a time for a local Afro-American weekly, *Living World* and in 1891 she became co-owner and editor of the *Memphis Weekly, Free*



Speech. A year later, she revealed in print who was responsible for the lynching of three Memphis Afro-Americans; a mob of whites demolished her printing press and office. Wells fled to New York City where she was hired by an Afro-American weekly and launched into an anti-lynching campaign. The anti-lynch cause took her on a lecture circuit across the country and to England twice.

In 1895, Miss Wells published a "Red Record" — statistics about lynching in the United States which could not be refuted. She discredited the myth that black men were lynched because they raped white women. The fact she stated was "they were murdered," as were her friends, "because whites felt that blacks were too uppity and successful." In her appeals about the lynching problem to President William McKinley for support, she stated "nowhere in the civilized world, save the United States, do men go out in bands of fifty to find thousands, to hunt down, shoot, hang, or burn to death, a single individual unarmed and absolutely powerless."

In 1895, Miss Wells married Ferdinand Barnett, an attorney and



Mother's Day



A mother's love is a viable providence of humanity.

Motherhood is a most noble calling to which a God-fearing woman can devote her life. The moral thoughts a mother implants in the mind and heart of her children continue to grow and manifest long after she is gone. Her love and training influence the lives of her children to be beautiful and meaningful. She can divide her love among her several children and each child has all her love.

May God bless the "grandmother," who in many cases raised the children in the absence of the mother, and whose caring heart and thoughtful ways added joy and support. Off times in failing health, grandmother, unmindful of her own personal problems,

and grateful to their mother whose sacrifices they take for granted. The greatest tribute one can pay one's mother is to be a good God-fearing son or daughter, worthy of her ever lavish love.

May God bless Mother who overlooked the many faults in her children; loved them in spite of themselves; who sensed their needs and tried to satisfy them; whose sacrifices helped them to survive when they were unable to help themselves; who protected them sometimes from themselves; who cried unnoticed alone when their children went astray, but kept on loving them, praying for them, forgiving them.

Mother was our sanctuary from real or perceived fears, an armament against impending uncertainties; an apothecary for our cures. To get us to take medicines, Mother could sip it first right in front of us. We had faith in Mother — our first experience with the concept of faith. When she knelt with us at our bedside, she taught us to pray. She introduced us to God, the source of her spiritual strength. We didn't know it then but we would understand it by and by. Mother also was a sort of psychiatrist. It seemed that she could see right through us especially when we would say that we came down with a touch of the "miserics" on days that we didn't want to go to school. Mother would sing as she went about her housework. We thought that she sang to amuse herself, but had we paid attention to the words we would have known that she was "communicating." Mother was always "communicating," talking to the Lord. Confronted with problems, she would confidently smile and assure us, "The Lord will make a way somehow; trust in the Lord." This Mother's Day let us pay tribute to Mother and manifest her love for us and our love for her in deeds glorifying God. Let us also venerate the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ who gave birth to our Lord and Savior.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
Springfield Branch
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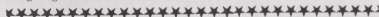
**MOTHER'S DAY
May 8, 1994**

made sacrifices for the sake and well being of her grandchildren. I like to think that when the commandment instructed, "Honor thy mother," that "Honor thy grandmother" was included. As a tribute to those loving caring surrogate mothers, may "Mother's Day" also include "Grandmother's Day."

In observing "Mother's Day" children have a responsibility to take inventory of their mother's thoughts and deeds; and to be appreciative of

Chicago newspaper owner, and later bore four children. Together they used the newspaper to expose injustices to blacks. Mrs. Wells became frustrated that violence against Blacks was increasing and nothing was being done. Once, when investigating a lynching in Cairo Illinois, she found the Black Newspaper was too afraid to protest. Alone, she went to the State House in Springfield to argue against the reinstatement of

the Sheriff who permitted the murder. She pleaded her case against the best lawyers in southern Illinois and won. Mrs. Barnett was cited as one of the 25 outstanding women in Chicago's history. A housing project bears her name. The state of Tennessee has recognized Ida B. Wells as one of its leading historical figures in communication. Ida B. Wells Barnett died in 1931.



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MEMORIAL DAY

*** MAY 30, 1994 ***

Rincon Hispano

Zonas de Apoderamiento en Newark

Se llevó a cabo una serie de reuniones para las ideas de la comunidad hispana en el proceso de planificación estratégico de la aplicación para designar a Newark como Zona de Apoderamiento. De ser escogido, Newark recibirá \$100 millones en fondos del Título XX del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS) para servicios comunitarios y sociales, además de recibir incentivos relacionados a los impuestos para atraer negocios a la ciudad.

NC Hispanic Development Corp. patrocinó la primera reunión el lunes, 11 de abril, en la Escuela Sta. Rosa de Lima, en la cual 43 personas participaron. El Sr. Hector Miranda de La Casa de Don Pedro facilitó la reunión. Los participantes dieron sus ideas y visiones sobre como mejorar la ciudad en las cinco áreas escogidas: vivienda, servicios sociales, educación, seguridad pública y desarrollo económico.

Mra. Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T., directora de N.C. Hispanic Development, está trabajando en conjunto con otros líderes de organizaciones de la comunidad para asegurar que la comunidad Hispana no pierda esta oportunidad de mejorar la comunidad.

Es muy importante que la comunidad Hispana muestre la habilidad de diseñar e implementar

un plan estratégico efectivo que ofrezca la oportunidad de crecimiento y rehabilitación para poder solucionar los problemas locales de una manera comprensiva y después demostrar la capacidad de llevar a cabo estos planes. Hna. Guadalupe Nieto también participa en el Equipo de Trabajo de Seguridad del Público y Hna. Tino Arias, OFM Cap. en el Equipo de Trabajo de la Educación.

Muy Agradecidos

Dieciséis niños y niñas del vecindario despertaron la mañana del domingo de Pascua y alegremente encontraron cestas con huevos, conejitos de chocolate, juguetes y dulces. Esto gracias a el esfuerzo de la Sociedad Española de Honor de la escuela de "Marylawn Academy of the Oranges." Aprovechamos la oportunidad para agradecer a las jóvenes de la Sociedad las donaciones de comida y juguetes que nos dieron en la época de la Navidad.

La oficina de NC Hispanic Development Corp. queda muy agradecida por todo lo que han hecho para la comunidad. Siempre es un placer ver jóvenes que se preocupan y que tratan de mejorar las vidas de otros.

A Special Thanks

Thanks to the efforts of the Spanish Honor Society of Marylawn Academy of the Oranges, sixteen boys and girls awoke Easter morning to gleefully find Easter baskets with eggs, sweets, toys, and a chocolate bunny. We also want to take the opportunity to thank the members of the group for helping

out at Christmas time with donations of food and toys.

N.C. Hispanic Development Corp. greatly appreciates the work they have done for the community. It is always so good to see concerned youth reaching out to help others.



Shown in the picture from left to right are Mrs. Martha Luna-Garcia, Spanish Honor Society Advisor, Senior members Sherise Boone, Maria Araneo and Cathy Barnett, and Mission Advisor Sr. Marion Scranton, S.C.

Hats, Hats, Hats

Get your bonnets and top hats off the shelf, dust them off and get ready to strut your finery. It is time for the Annual City-Wide Seniors Hat Fashion Show.

Last year the Newark Community hosted hundreds of senior citizens in glamorous hours while they modeled their hats. Some of the hats were very elaborate, some were funny, some stressed a strong ethnic flavor, some were elegantly simple — all showing that there was something to please everyone's taste. There was also entertainment by the Eddie Blackwell Band and a good time was had by all.

This year promises to be just as grand an affair if not better. All the senior sites throughout the city will be receiving applications to allow participants from various sites to come together. The show will again be held

at the lovely Newark Museum located on Washington Street. New Community seniors are always a part of this affair and look forward to showing how one should top off an outfit. Mrs. Margie Woods, who participates in numerous fashion shows and various senior events will be certain to grace the runway with one of her outstanding hats. New Community Medical Day Care Center participants also don their hats join the lineup of fashionable "Golden Agers."

The show is open to all and admission is free. For more information please contact Joyce Cook, New Community Social Services at 623-6114 or Mrs. Alice Jones, Newark Department of Aging at 624-6218.

Put on your Easter bonnets and come join the fun!

Joyce Cook

Hispanic Forum On Empowerment Zones In Newark

A series of meetings designed to integrate the ideas of the Hispanic community in the process of strategic planning for the proposal to designate Newark as an Empowerment Zone have come to an end. If Newark were to be chosen, the city would receive \$100 million from the Department of Health and Human Services, Title XX, for community and social services, as well as tax incentives to attract businesses to the city.

NC Hispanic Development Corp. sponsored the first meeting on Monday, April 11th, at St. Rose of Lima School, with 43 people participating. Mr. Hector Miranda from La Casa Don Pedro served as facilitator. Those in attendance broke into five groups to discuss their ideas and visions on five areas: housing, social services, educa-

tion, public safety, and economic development.

Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T., director of NC Hispanic Development, is working with other leaders of Hispanic community organizations to ensure that Hispanics don't lose out on the opportunity to improve the community.

It is very important that the Hispanic community demonstrate its ability to draw and implement an effective strategic plan that offers the opportunity for growth and development in solving local problems in a comprehensive way, and then show the capacity to bring the plans to fruition. Sr. Guadalupe Nieto also works on the Task Force for Public Safety and Br. Tino Arias, OFM Cap., on the Education Task Force.

Mother's Day Buffet

Sunday, May 8, 1994
12 noon until 6:00 p.m.

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Doctors of podiatric medicine, trained and accustomed to relieve foot pain arising from a variety of sources, have been discovering that some of the ways they overcome foot problems can also have a positive effect on one of mankind's more mysterious kinds of pain — back pain.

The keys are orthoses — hand-crafted "arch supports" inserted in footwear to correct foot deformities or abnormalities, which can cause irregular walking patterns and lead to pain in the legs, hips, and back, as well as the feet.

Podiatrists have long been aware of cause-and-effect relationships between foot pain and back pain (back

problems can lead to foot pain, too).

Now, high technology has produced computerized gait analysis equipment that enables them to get much more precise measurements of the irregularities, and create more effective orthoses.

The podiatrist is not licensed to treat the back directly, and there is a lot of back pain that doesn't have a thing to do with the feet.

But, in the absence of clear-cut causes for back pain in people who are otherwise physically fit, gait analysis may be able to pinpoint a direct link between foot pain and back pain, neither of which are normal.

Manor Seniors Good Neighbor Of The Month: Bea Quittley

Her caring and unselfish ways are the reason for Bea Quittley to be chosen Manor Senior's "Good Neighbor of the Month."

Bea has been a tenant of Manor Senior since it first opened eleven years ago. In fact, she was the second tenant on the second floor.

Bea's involvement in the life of Manor Senior and NCC activities dates from the very beginning with the

is another task she enjoys performing daily.

Her giving doesn't end with building activities. She knows all the tenants by name and is always ready to lend them a helping hand without counting the cost. It is not unusual to see her going to the store or to the post office for money orders for those who can't get out themselves.

Bea's qualities and values are not



April's Good Neighbor of the Month is Manor Senior's own Bea Quittley, shown here receiving a gift certificate and cake from Toria Long, a supervisor at World of Foods.

encouragement of Mr. Motley, then manager. At first she was assistant floor captain and for the last several years she has been captain. In addition to being floor captain Bea is an usher at St. Rose of Lima Church, a member of Roseville Seniors and a member of NCC Senior Advisory Board.

Bea takes very seriously her task as building hostess. She can be seen helping whenever and wherever help is needed. Distributing Meals on Wheels

hers alone, she has instilled these qualities in her two daughters and four sons and is working her influence on her fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Thank you, Bea Quittley, for all your years of being such a caring person and a friend to those you so generously help. Thank you too, for continuing the vision of "New Community."

Sister Mary Haworth
NC Social Services

Senior Appreciation Month

May has been designated as Senior Appreciation Month. We at Douglass-Harrison congratulate and are edified by the contributions of our active seniors within the NCC Network, who are part of the Senior Services and Title V Programs. We celebrate these seniors, who are able to contribute so much of their time and energy for the welfare of others. We thank Johnnie Mae Williams, Helen Brandon, Ethel Williams, Dorothy Eforde, Annie Jones, Dolores Clark, John Scott, and Earlin Goins, who are part of the Senior Services; also, the Title V staff of Magnolia Brown, Nora Bell, Mary Sharpe, Vivian Fleming, Eleanor Harris and Marion Simpons. It is wonderful that these seniors have a means to share their wisdom, giftedness, and experiences.

It is our aim and psychologically sound to encourage seniors to maintain their sense of dignity by remaining in familiar surroundings and by being involved in their community, church, and home. And for those seniors who may need help in maintaining their independence at home, NCC has provided such programs as Home Health Care Aides, Home Friends, and Congregate Services.

Mary Corbett, an NCC Home Health Aide, lives at Douglass-Harrison. She has two clients who are handicapped and elderly, living in their own apartments. With a womanly touch, Mary is able to bathe, groom and prepare tasty meals for them. Several times a



Home Health Aide Mary Corbett carefully tends to the needs of her client, Mrs. Laura March.

week, schedule permitting, house cleaning, laundry, and grocery shopping are performed so that the clients can maintain an interest in life. Mary enjoys her interaction with the senior clients and believes her presence does make a difference in their lives. So while we salute our seniors in May, we also salute those who care for them. Many thanks to all the staff from Home Health, Home Friends, and Congregate Services.

Sr. M. Helene Truitt

Senior Month Events

- May 4, 1994, Wednesday** "Senior Appreciation Get Together"
To be held for the residents of New Community Associates located at 180 South Orange Avenue, Newark, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- May 5, 1994, Thursday** "Seniors Hat Fashion Show"
Newark Museum, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- May 9, 1994, Monday** "Bake Sale"
By the Roseville Senior Club at 545 Orange Street, 11:00 a.m.
- May 12, 13, 14th** "New Community Health Fair"
Various activities and giveaways... special attractions for seniors held at 180 South Orange Avenue, 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. each day.
- May 14, 1994, Saturday** "Friends of Music Recital"
12 young pianists will perform for the senior residents and others at 545 Orange Street, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Refreshments and excellent music.
- May 17, 1994, Tuesday** "Spring Fling"
Hosted by seniors of New Community Commons and Douglass-Harrison to be held at 140 South Orange Avenue, 11:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- May 19, 1994, Thursday** "Annual Senior Craft Fair and Job Fair"
Held at the South Mountain Arena, 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Free zoo visits for seniors on this day.
- May 20, 1994, Friday** "Senior Appreciation Luncheon"
For residents of New Community Manor, to be held in the Community Room, 11:00 a.m.
- May 22, 1994, Sunday** "Senior Sunday Mass and Brunch"
Special services dedicated to all seniors. To be held at St. Rose of Lima Church, 540 Orange Street, Newark. 10:30 a.m. There will be a brunch immediately following at 545 Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey.
- May 26, 1994, Thursday** "Senior Appreciation & Club Meeting"
Roseville seniors club members. To be held at 545 Orange Street, 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- May 30, 1994, Friday** "Senior Appreciation Day"
To be held at New Community Gardens, 265 Morris Avenue for the residents. A fun-filled day full of activities starting with breakfast, then activities and lunch and later dinner.

NCC Salutes Its Own Home Friend Client Annie Rose Johnston

Annie Rose Johnston a longtime New Community Home Friend client was chosen last summer to participate in a forum sponsored by HealthRight a health care reform advocacy group. She voiced the health care concerns of seniors across the nation. This may not seem like much to you, but it is just one of the many events in her life that anyone would deem amazing. Blind since infancy, Annie Rose Johnston doesn't let anything get in her way. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees from Hampton Institute and between degrees she studied at West Virginia State Teachers College. She retired from the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ), where she had been a dark room x-ray technician for nearly 33 years.

Mrs. Johnston receives no pension or medical benefits from her employment, and health care costs are a major concern for her. When she spoke in the HealthRight's forum she spoke eloquently, so much so that when the videotape of her speech was shown to President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, she was chosen along with 50 other seniors from around the nation, to address Mrs. Clinton and the House Ways and Means Panel at a briefing

in Washington, D.C. She and the others had 45 seconds in which to voice their opinions and concerns about escalating health care costs. The seniors told her stories after hearing promotions for the current administrations health care reform plans. Mrs. Johnston doesn't care about politics; she has two things that she cares about most: help for her \$230 plus monthly medication bills, and receiving a higher level of in home service.

Although primarily a self-sufficient woman, Mrs. Johnston knows the value of help from others. During a recent illness, Mrs. Johnston didn't realize that her leg was swollen; she knew that she felt ill, but she wouldn't have known about her leg if it weren't for Home Friend Geraldine Patty. "There are just some things you can't do for yourself without the help of others," said Mrs. Johnston. She couldn't be more correct. We are sure her views, and those of her 50 counterparts, on the state of health care will help our country's administration form a comprehensive health care package. For us all we are proud to know Annie Rose Johnston, and we are pleased to be a part of her life.

Elsie Best



Through the helpful assistance of Home Friend Geraldine Patty, Mrs. Annie Rose Johnston reviews her mail.

St. Rose Of Lima School Spring Festival



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize - Complete Home Music System
M. White

Second Prize - 27" TV Plus 4 Head Video System
John Taylor

Third Prize - \$300 Food Certificate - Pathmark
Lisa Baldwin

Special - Handy Camcorder
Frank Michaels